



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg, Assistant Special Agent in Charge L. D. Mathews of the Drug Enforcement Administration, Supervisory Special Agent Kevin Jimerson, Internal Revenue Service, Chief Alex Hayes, Omaha Police Department, Chief Tom Casady, Lincoln Police Department, and Colonel Bryan Tuma, Nebraska State Patrol announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

Benjamin Noah Weinstein was sentenced to 40 months imprisonment by the Honorable Joseph B. Bataillon, United States District Judge, after having been convicted of conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 100 kilograms or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of marijuana.

Name of Defendant: Benjamin Noah Weinstein

AKA:

Age: 30

City of Residence: Omaha

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 100 kilograms or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of marijuana, 5-40 years imprisonment, \$2,000,000 fine, or both such fine and imprisonment, at least 4 years of supervised release following release from imprisonment, \$100 special assessment

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Omaha and Nebraska City.

Location of Arrest: Ashland, Nebraska.

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: 100 kilograms or more of marijuana

Others Charged in Same Scheme: William Kyle Arendt, Douglas Jennings, Robert Crouse, Troy Hollenbeck, Jon Whitaker, Kurt Allen, Jonathan Hunt, Joshua La Boy, David Herman, Braden Palensky, Larce Nelson, Lee Weinstein.

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: Beginning at least as early as January, 2007, and continuing through March, 2010

Federal Arrest Date: May 22, 2010

Date Complaint Issued: N/A

Indictment Returned Date: May 18, 2010

Initial Appearance Date: May 25, 2010

Plea Date(s): August 26, 2010

Sentencing Date: December 2, 2010

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: N/A

Assigned Magistrate Judge: F. A. Gossett

Held without Bond: No

In Continuous Custody Since: N/A

Assigned District Court Judge: Lyle E. Strom

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